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## STATE OF WISCONSIN

## IN COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT III

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VILLAGE OF TIGERTON,

PLAINTIFF-RESPONDENT,

v.

DONALD J. MINNIECHESKE,

**DEFENDANT-APPELLANT.** 

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DONALD J. MINNIECHESKE,

PLAINTIFF-APPELLANT,

V.

VILLAGE OF TIGERTON, JOHN GUTHO, SHAWANO COUNTY, ROBERT NORDIN AND MICHAEL NORDIN,

**DEFENDANTS-RESPONDENTS.** 

APPEALS from judgments and orders of the circuit court for Shawano County: JAMES R. HABECK, Judge. *Affirmed*.

Before Hoover, P.J., Mangerson and Stark, JJ.

¶1 PER CURIAM. In a thirty-nine-page brief, Donald Minniecheske, pro se, accuses a circuit court judge, Village of Tigerton and Shawano County officials, various attorneys, the Department of Natural Resources, and surveyors Robert and Michael Nordin of various criminal acts, including fraud, racketeering, perjury, and theft, in what amounts to an alleged two-decade conspiracy to deprive him of land.

¶2 The judgments and orders from which he appeals are straightforward. In Shawano County case Nos. 2012FO303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 347, and 362, Minniecheske was issued citations for theft, apparently for taking wood from property belonging to the Village of Tigerton that Minniecheske

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believes he owns. In Shawano County case No. 2006CV291, Minniecheske filed

suit to quiet title. The circuit court granted summary judgment for the Village of

Tigerton, John Gutho, Shawano County, and Robert and Michael Nordin,

dismissing Minniecheske's claims with prejudice. Minniecheske has filed

multiple motions and affidavits to obtain relief from that judgment and reopen the

case, the latest of which was denied on September 21, 2012.

¶3 We conclude Minniecheske has not presented any valid arguments

for relief from any of the challenged judgments and orders. Minniecheske's brief

is incomprehensible, with facts, argument, and opinion scattered in no apparent

order. The basis for his appeals is unclear, as his primary concern appears to be

events that occurred over twenty years ago. His arguments are undeveloped

themes reflecting no legitimate legal reasoning. On the whole, we conclude

whatever issues Minniecheske wished to raise regarding the orders and judgments

subject to this appeal have been inadequately briefed, and we therefore need not

address them. See State v. Pettit, 171 Wis. 2d 627, 646, 492 N.W.2d 633 (Ct.

App. 1992).

¶4 In addition, Minniecheske's appellate brief does not comport with

WIS. STAT. RULE 809.19(1).<sup>2</sup> That subsection sets forth the requirements for an

orderly presentation of fact and argument. WISCONSIN STAT. RULE 809.19(1)(e)

<sup>1</sup> CCAP records show that in case no. 2012FO303, Minniecheske was found not guilty following a court trial. To the extent Minniecheske is not an aggrieved party, he cannot appeal the judgment. *See Koller v. Liberty Mut. Ins. Co.*, 190 Wis. 2d 263, 266, 526 N.W.2d 799 (Ct.

App. 1994).

<sup>2</sup> All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2011-12 version unless otherwise

noted.

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requires that arguments be arranged in the order of the statement of issues

presented. Minniecheske's statement of issues presented does not mention any of

the judgments or orders appealed from, and his arguments do not appear in any

logical order. Failure to follow the Rules of Appellate Procedure is grounds for

dismissal of the appeal. See WIS. STAT. RULE 809.83(2).

¶5 Moreover, most of Minniecheske's argument is unsupported by

references to legal authority. When he does provide legal authority, he does not

explain the authority's relevance or connect it to his argument in any meaningful

way. Arguments unsupported by references to legal authority will not be

considered. Id. The same is true of unsupported and explained statements. See

*M.C.I.*, *Inc. v. Elbin*, 146 Wis. 2d 239, 244-45, 430 N.W.2d 366 (Ct. App. 1988).

By the Court.—Judgments and orders affirmed.

This opinion will not be published. See WIS. STAT. RULE

809.23(1)(b)5.

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